

EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose polyester films having the recited combination of initial elastic modulus, impact strength, thermal shrinkage characteristics, and haze. ASAI ET AL (US 5,780,158) fails to disclose films with the recited haze; KIMURA ET AL (US 5,747,174) and OSADA ET AL (US 7,251,485) fail to disclose the recited heat shrinkage properties; JP 2003-113259 fail to disclose films with the recited combination of impact strength and thermal shrinkage characteristics; KAWAHARA ET AL (US 2002/0102419) fail to disclose films with the recited combination of initial elastic modulus, impact strength, and thermal shrinkage characteristics; ITOYAMA ET AL (US 4,798,875) and EP 1186633 and EP 1072632 and EP 0835899 and EP 0685509 and EP 0639468 and WO 94/13464 and EP 0579087 and NAKANE ET AL (US 5,173,357) each fail to disclose films with the recited combination of initial elastic modulus, impact strength, thermal shrinkage characteristics, and haze.

Rejections based on WO '611 has been overcome in view of the certified English translation of the foreign priority documents JP 2003-295631 and JP 2003-295634 and JP 2003-295636, establishing an effective filing date of 8/19/2003 for these claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivian Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1506. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano, can be reached on (571) 272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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